IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kazuo YAMASHITA et al.

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For: PRECIPITATED CALCIUM CARBONATE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND FILLER FOR LOADING PAPER USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that, preliminary to examination, the captioned application be amended as follows: